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To ensure the preservation of the Gulf of Mexico by establishing within the Environmental Protection Agency a Gulf of Mexico Program.

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Mr. GRAMM (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. SHELBY, and Mr. MACK) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

A BILL

To ensure the preservation of the Gulf of Mexico by establishing within the Environmental Protection Agency a Gulf of Mexico Program.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Gulf of Mexico Preser-
5 vation Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

8 (1) the Gulf of Mexico is an extraordinary eco-
9 nomic and environmental resource that—

1 (A) accounts for 90 percent of the United
2 States production of offshore oil and gas;

3 (B) generates, from oil and gas develop-
4 ment, Federal revenues second only to the Fed-
5 eral income tax;

6 (C) contributes, from tourism related dol-
7 lars, \$20,000,000,000 to the United States
8 economy;

9 (D) accounts for 45 percent of the import-
10 export shipping handled by the United States
11 ports;

12 (E) produces approximately 40 percent of
13 the United States commercial fish yield;

14 (F) yields close to twice the amount of
15 shrimp of all other United States fisheries com-
16 bined;

17 (G) comprises about half of the total wet-
18 land area of the continental United States; and

19 (H) provides critical estuarine habitat for
20 large populations of finfish, shellfish, waterfowl,
21 shorebirds, colonial nesting birds, and 75 per-
22 cent of the migratory waterfowl traversing the
23 United States;

1 (2) the Gulf of Mexico is of great importance
2 to this Nation because of its fish and wildlife re-
3 sources and economic benefits to this Nation;

4 (3) maintaining the health and ecological integ-
5 rity of the Gulf of Mexico is in the National interest;

6 (4) the Gulf States, by virtue of their proximity
7 to the Gulf of Mexico and their knowledge of the
8 local conditions affecting its environmental integrity,
9 must continue to play an essential role in planning
10 for the management, protection, and restoration of
11 the natural resources of the Gulf of Mexico;

12 (5) the existing efforts of citizens groups, local
13 agencies, State governments, institutions of higher
14 education, private industries, nonprofit research or-
15 ganizations, the Environmental Protection Agency,
16 the Army Corps of Engineers, the Soil Conservation
17 Service of the Department of Agriculture, the Na-
18 tional Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of
19 the Department of Commerce, the United States
20 Fish and Wildlife Service, the Minerals Management
21 Service, and the Geological Survey of the Depart-
22 ment of the Interior, and other Federal agencies
23 should be utilized to carry out the purposes of this
24 Act; and

1 (6) oceanic and atmospheric circulation pat-
2 terns around the Gulf of Mexico inherently render
3 the marine environment of the Gulf of Mexico an in-
4 tegral component of the environment of the Wider
5 Caribbean Region, and life cycles of marine species
6 in the Gulf are dependent on the Wider Caribbean
7 Region and its environment as a whole.

8 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are as fol-
9 lows:

10 (1) To establish a domestic Gulf of Mexico pro-
11 gram in the Environmental Protection Agency to
12 protect the aesthetic, environmental, and economic
13 resources of the Gulf of Mexico.

14 (2) To establish within the Environmental Pro-
15 tection Agency a Gulf of Mexico Program Office to
16 carry out the purposes of the Gulf of Mexico Pro-
17 gram.

18 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

19 For the purposes of this Act—

20 (1) the term “Agency” means the Environ-
21 mental Protection Agency;

22 (2) the term “Administrator” means the Ad-
23 ministrator of the Environmental Protection Agency;

24 (3) the term “Federal agency” means the Envi-
25 ronmental Protection Agency, the Army Corps of

1 Engineers, the Soil Conservation Service of the De-
2 partment of Agriculture, the National Oceanic and
3 Atmospheric Administration of the Department of
4 Commerce, the United States Fish and Wildlife
5 Service, Minerals Management Service, and the Geo-
6 logical Survey of the Department of the Interior,
7 and any other Federal agency with a significant in-
8 terest in coastal and marine resources;

9 (4) the term “Gulf States” means Alabama,
10 Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas; and

11 (5) the term “Wider Caribbean Region” means
12 the Caribbean Sea, including the Gulf of Mexico,
13 and areas of the Atlantic Ocean adjacent thereto,
14 south of 30 degrees north latitude and within two
15 hundred nautical miles of the Atlantic coast of the
16 States which are signatories to the Convention for
17 the Protection and Development of the Marine Envi-
18 ronment of the Wider Caribbean Region, with
19 Annex, done at Cartagena on March 24, 1983
20 (TIAS 11085).

21 **SEC. 4. GULF OF MEXICO PROGRAM.**

22 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
23 the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall
24 establish within the Agency a Gulf of Mexico Program (re-
25 ferred to in this Act as the “Gulf Program”) to—

1 (1) report on the assessment of trends in envi-
2 ronmental quality, including air and water, natural
3 resources, and uses of the Gulf of Mexico;

4 (2) collaborate with Gulf States, citizens
5 groups, local agencies, State governments, institu-
6 tions of higher education, private industries, non-
7 profit research organizations, Gulf Port Authorities,
8 and Federal agencies to collect, characterize, and as-
9 sess data on toxics, nutrients, pathogens, habitat
10 loss or alteration, and natural resources within the
11 Gulf of Mexico to identify the causes of environ-
12 mental problems, both natural and man made;

13 (3) collaborate with Gulf States, citizens
14 groups, local agencies, State governments, institu-
15 tions of higher education, private industries, non-
16 profit research organizations, Gulf Public Port Enti-
17 ties, and Federal agencies, on the development of a
18 Management, Protection, and Restoration Plan that
19 recommends priority actions and schedules to ad-
20 dress—

21 (A) sources of pollution in order to restore
22 and maintain the chemical, physical, and bio-
23 logical integrity of the Gulf of Mexico, including
24 restoration and maintenance of water quality,
25 protection and restoration of critical habitats,

1 and a balanced indigenous population of coastal
2 and marine biota (including but not limited to
3 shellfish, fish, wildlife, and plants);

4 (B) recreational activities in the Gulf of
5 Mexico;

6 (C) preservation of the Gulf of Mexico;

7 (D) protection of the economic resources in
8 the Gulf of Mexico; and

9 (E) the greatest risks to human health and
10 the environment in the Gulf of Mexico, and the
11 most cost-effective strategies that can be identi-
12 fied to ameliorate those risks, including appro-
13 priate changes to existing regulations; and

14 (4) monitor the effectiveness of actions taken
15 pursuant to the Plan described in section 9.

16 (b) EXISTING ACTIVITIES.—The Gulf Program shall
17 include the activities specified under this Act, and the ac-
18 tivities of the Agency under the existing Gulf of Mexico
19 Program.

20 **SEC. 5. GULF OF MEXICO PROGRAM OFFICE.**

21 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established within
22 the Agency a Gulf of Mexico Program Office (referred to
23 in this Act as the “Program Office”). The Program Office
24 shall be located in a Gulf State.

25 (b) OFFICE DIRECTOR.—

1 (1) APPOINTMENT.—The Program Office shall
2 be headed by a Director, who shall be appointed by
3 the Administrator. The Administrator shall make an
4 initial appointment of a Director by not later than
5 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act.
6 The Administrator shall delegate to the Director
7 such authority as may be necessary to carry out the
8 duties of the Director under this section.

9 (2) DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR.—The Director
10 shall oversee the activities of the Gulf Program Of-
11 fice. In carrying out such activities, the Director
12 shall—

13 (A) obtain information concerning the en-
14 vironmental quality of the Gulf of Mexico from
15 within the Agency, other Federal agencies, and
16 departments and agencies of States, and make
17 the information available through publications
18 and other appropriate means;

19 (B) assist the Administrator in coordinat-
20 ing the activities of the Program Office with the
21 activities related to coastal and marine re-
22 sources of the Gulf States, citizens groups, local
23 agencies, State governments, institutions of
24 higher education, private industries, non-profit

1 research organizations, Gulf Public Port Enti-
2 ties, and Federal agencies;

3 (C) assist the Administrator by developing
4 a Management, Protection, and Restoration
5 Plan for the Gulf pursuant to section 9 of this
6 Act, and, to the extent allowable by law, assist
7 and support the implementation of the Plan;

8 (D) assist the Administrator in awarding
9 grants pursuant to section 10 of this Act;

10 (E) provide such information and advice as
11 the Administrator determines to be necessary;

12 (F) oversee the preparation of the report
13 on assessments pursuant to section 7 of this
14 Act;

15 (G) oversee the development of a strategy
16 for monitoring the Gulf of Mexico pursuant to
17 section 8 of this Act; and

18 (H) oversee the activities of the staff of the
19 Program Office.

20 (3) DUTIES OF THE ADMINISTRATOR.—The Ad-
21 ministrator shall—

22 (A) oversee the activities of the Director
23 (including any activities of the Director relating
24 to the grant, research, and planning activities

1 of the Gulf Program), and provide administra-
2 tive support to the Gulf Program;

3 (B) make recommendations concerning
4 Agency funding for the Gulf Program; and

5 (C) oversee the development and monitor
6 the implementation of cooperative programs
7 with Federal, State, and local departments and
8 agencies to carry out the purpose described in
9 paragraph (2)(B) through interagency agree-
10 ments, memoranda of understanding, coopera-
11 tive multiagency programs, or other similar
12 mechanisms of ensuring cooperation.

13 **SEC. 6. STUDY OF INTERNATIONAL ISSUES.**

14 (a) STUDY.—The Administrator is authorized to con-
15 duct a study of environmental problems in the Gulf of
16 Mexico, including areas beyond the Exclusive Economic
17 Zone of the United States, as defined by Presidential
18 Proclamation 5030 of March 10, 1983, and to assess the
19 nature and extent of such problems.

20 (b) INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.—

21 (1) SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.—It is the sense
22 of the Congress that the Secretary of State should,
23 if appropriate, enter into international agreements in
24 furtherance of the objectives of this Act.

1 (c) RELATIONSHIP TO INTERNATIONAL LAW AND
2 FOREIGN POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES.—Any action
3 taken pursuant to this Act shall be consistent with the
4 foreign policy of the United States, relevant international
5 agreements, and customary international law. Any action
6 taken pursuant to this Act that relates to the waters under
7 the jurisdiction of a foreign country shall be undertaken
8 in cooperation with that foreign country.

9 **SEC. 7. ASSESSMENT.**

10 (a) ASSESSMENT.—Not later than 30 days after the
11 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall pre-
12 pare a written report that provides the status of the activi-
13 ties of the Administrator with respect to the Gulf of Mex-
14 ico, and the Administrator shall submit a copy of the re-
15 port to the appropriate committees of Congress. Not later
16 than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the
17 Administrator, in consultation with the heads of other
18 Federal agencies, shall prepare a report on assessments
19 of the environmental quality of the Gulf of Mexico and
20 its impact on the economic viability and importance of the
21 Gulf. The report shall—

22 (1) describe the existing state of knowledge con-
23 cerning the environmental quality of the Gulf of
24 Mexico;

1 (2) include an inventory of relevant environ-
2 mental research and monitoring programs;

3 (3) identify gaps in knowledge and research
4 needed for the development and implementation of
5 the plan developed pursuant to section 9 of this Act;

6 (4) assess the environmental impact, as it ef-
7 fects the Gulf of Mexico, of issues that include, but
8 are not limited to—

9 (A) pollutants;

10 (B) nutrient loading;

11 (C) acid precipitation and acid deposition;

12 (D) the dumping of medical and plastic
13 wastes;

14 (E) coastal beach erosion;

15 (F) habitat degradation;

16 (G) dissolved oxygen as a determinant of
17 water quality;

18 (H) the type and degree of bacterial infec-
19 tion in key fish species of the Gulf (as deter-
20 mined by the Director); and

21 (I) oil spill response activities in the Gulf;
22 and

23 (5) assess the economic importance and con-
24 tributions of the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf States
25 and to the nation, and identify environmental prob-

1 lems prevalent in the Gulf that pose a threat to
2 those contributions.

3 (b) USE OF ASSESSMENTS.—The report on the as-
4 sessments prepared in subsection (a) shall be considered
5 and used as the basis for preparing a final Management,
6 Protection and Restoration Plan pursuant to section 9 of
7 this Act.

8 (c) FOCUS OF REPORT.—In preparing the report on
9 assessments under subsection (a) the Director shall give
10 special attention to changes in wildlife, shellfish, and key
11 fish populations (as defined and determined by the Admin-
12 istrator) and any interrelated changes to the quality of
13 the living resources of the Gulf.

14 **SEC. 8. MONITORING.**

15 (a) MONITORING.—The Administrator, in conjunc-
16 tion with the Management, Protection, and Restoration
17 Plan prepared and implemented pursuant to section 9 of
18 this Act, shall design a strategy for monitoring the envi-
19 ronmental quality of the Gulf. The strategy shall be based
20 on the report on assessments prepared pursuant to section
21 7 of this Act and shall identify activities necessary to—

22 (1) obtain data and information necessary for
23 the implementation of the Management, Protection,
24 and Restoration Plan;

1 (2) evaluate the effectiveness of the implemen-
2 tation of the Management, Protection, and Restora-
3 tion Plan described in section 9; and

4 (3) identify long-term trends in the ecosystem
5 health of the Gulf of Mexico.

6 (b) CONTENTS.—The strategy described in sub-
7 section (a) may include, but shall not be limited to, activi-
8 ties for collecting and evaluating data concerning—

9 (1) concentrations, sources and pathways of
10 pollutants;

11 (2) the characterization and identification of
12 critical habitats; and

13 (3) the coastal and submerged habitats of the
14 Gulf.

15 (c) IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MONITORING STRAT-
16 EGY AND USE OF EXISTING PROGRAMS.—The Manage-
17 ment, Protection, and Restoration Plan described in sec-
18 tion 9 of this Act shall—

19 (1) provide for the implementation of the mon-
20 itoring activities called for in the monitoring strat-
21 egy;

22 (2) use, to the maximum extent possible the ex-
23 isting Federal programs, private and federally fund-
24 ed research efforts, or other such programs or re-

1 search projects conducted by interstate, State, and
2 local agencies; and

3 (3) ensure the coordination of the strategy with
4 such programs or research.

5 **SEC. 9. MANAGEMENT, PROTECTION, AND RESTORATION**
6 **PLAN.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
8 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator, with the
9 concurrence of the heads of other Federal agencies con-
10 cerning those portions of the Plan within the jurisdiction
11 of those heads, and in consultation with local agencies,
12 State governments, institutions of higher education, pri-
13 vate industries, nonprofit research organizations, and Gulf
14 Public Port Entities shall develop a Management, Protec-
15 tion, and Restoration Plan for the Gulf of Mexico (referred
16 to in this Act as the “Plan”).

17 (b) PURPOSE.—The Plan shall recommend priority
18 actions and schedules for addressing environmental prob-
19 lems affecting the chemical, physical, biological, and eco-
20 nomic integrity of the Gulf of Mexico. The problems ad-
21 dressed may include, but are not limited to, point and
22 nonpoint sources of pollution, restoration and mainte-
23 nance of water quality, the means to maintain a balanced
24 indigenous population of coastal and marine biota, and
25 recreational activities in the Gulf of Mexico.

1 (c) CONTENTS OF PLAN.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Plan shall—

3 (A) outline specific activities to be con-
4 ducted under the Gulf Program by the Admin-
5 istrator through the Gulf Program Office;

6 (B) provide for cooperative activities under
7 the Gulf Program with Federal, State, and local
8 departments or agencies under the Gulf Pro-
9 gram;

10 (C) provide for cooperative activities under
11 the Gulf Program with institutions of higher
12 education and private entities with a significant
13 interest in coastal and marine resources;

14 (D) set forth recommendations for actions
15 by Federal, State, and local agencies to prevent,
16 abate or remediate pollution in the Gulf of Mex-
17 ico or to otherwise improve the environmental
18 quality and economic viability of the Gulf;

19 (E) include a summary of the report on as-
20 sessments prepared pursuant to section 7 of
21 this Act;

22 (F) include the strategy for monitoring the
23 Gulf of Mexico developed pursuant to section 8
24 of this Act and the steps for implementing the
25 strategy; and

1 (G) set priorities for actions to be under-
2 taken by Federal, State, and local agencies,
3 taking into account the severity of the human
4 health or environmental risk addressed by the
5 activity.

6 (2) IMPLEMENTATION.—Pursuant to paragraph
7 (1), the Plan shall recommend—

8 (A) the Federal, State, or local agency re-
9 sponsible for the implementation of the meas-
10 ure;

11 (B) the time period necessary for carrying
12 out the measure;

13 (C) the resources necessary for conducting
14 the Plan; and

15 (D) any other actions necessary to imple-
16 ment the Plan.

17 (d) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.—The Director shall
18 make a reasonable effort to ensure that the public is con-
19 sulted in actions undertaken pursuant to the development
20 and implementation of the Plan.

21 (e) PLAN APPROVAL.—Not later than one year after
22 the development of the Plan pursuant to section 9(a) of
23 this Act, and after providing for public review, comment,
24 and appropriate revision of the Plan, the Administrator,
25 with the concurrence of the heads of other Federal agen-

1 cies referred to in subsection (a) concerning those portions
2 of the Plan within the jurisdiction of those heads, and with
3 the concurrence of the Gulf States concerning those por-
4 tions of the Plan relating to waters within the jurisdiction
5 of the Gulf States, shall approve the Plan if it meets the
6 requirements of this Act, and other Federal statutes.

7 (f) PLAN REVIEW.—The Plan approved pursuant to
8 subsection (e) shall be reviewed, updated, and imple-
9 mented under the conditions specified in subsection (e) on
10 the date which is 3 years after the date of initial approval,
11 and every 5 years thereafter.

12 **SEC. 10. GRANT PROGRAM.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall, in con-
14 sultation with the Director and upon approval of an appli-
15 cation submitted by a Gulf State or a group of States,
16 make a grant to such State or group of States for the
17 purpose of furthering the development and implementa-
18 tion of the Plan described in section 9 of this Act.

19 (b) PURPOSES.—Each State that receives a grant
20 under this section may provide financial assistance to
21 State, local, interstate, or regional water pollution control
22 entities, State coastal zone management agencies, inter-
23 state agencies, international organizations, public or non-
24 profit private agencies, research organizations, institu-
25 tions, and other organizations for the purpose of assisting

1 the State or group of States in research, surveys, studies,
2 modeling, monitoring, technical assistance, citizen involve-
3 ment, education, remediation, or other support work nec-
4 essary for the development and implementation of the
5 Plan described in section 9 of this Act.

6 (c) APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.—As part of an
7 application for a grant under this section, the State or
8 group of States shall include the following information:

9 (1) A statement of the activities that the State
10 or group of States intends to carry out within a
11 specified period of time to develop and implement
12 the Plan.

13 (2) An estimate of the cost of the activities de-
14 scribed in paragraph (1).

15 (3) An agreement that the State or group of
16 States will provide, from non-Federal sources, an
17 amount equal to at least 50 percent of the total
18 amount of the grant. In-kind payments shall qualify
19 for the purpose of meeting the total non-Federal
20 matching requirements.

21 (d) APPROVAL.—Upon receipt of an application
22 under this section, the Administrator shall review the ap-
23 plication. If the Administrator determines that the appli-
24 cation is consistent with the Federal Water Pollution Con-
25 trol Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.), with the policies of the

1 Agency, and with the purposes of this Act, the Adminis-
2 trator shall approve the application, and from within avail-
3 able funds, award a grant upon approval.

4 (e) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—Not more than 10 per-
5 cent of the amount of any grant under this section may
6 be expended by a State (or group of States) for adminis-
7 trative expenses.

8 (f) REPORTS.—In addition to such reports as the Ad-
9 ministrator may require (not more frequently than annu-
10 ally), and as a condition to receiving a grant under this
11 section, the State or group of States must agree to submit
12 to the Administrator, at the end of the first budget period
13 after the date of the approval of the application, and annu-
14 ally thereafter for the duration of the period of the grant
15 (as specified by the Administrator), a report that describes
16 the progress of the State in carrying out the activities pur-
17 suant to this Act.

18 (g) EXISTING LIABILITY.—Grants made under this
19 section may not be used for the purpose of relieving any
20 person who would otherwise be liable under Federal or
21 State law for damages, response costs, natural resources
22 damages, restitution, equitable relief or any other relief,
23 from liability for such relief.

1 **SEC. 11. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—To carry out the purposes of this
3 Act, there are authorized to be appropriated to the Envi-
4 ronmental Protection Agency (in addition to any amounts
5 otherwise appropriated to the Environmental Protection
6 Agency for such purposes), an amount equal to—

7 (1) \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 1994;

8 (2) \$30,000,000 for fiscal year 1995;

9 (3) \$35,000,000 for fiscal year 1996;

10 (4) \$45,000,000 for fiscal year 1997;

11 (5) \$65,000,000 for fiscal year 1998; and

12 (6) such sums as may be necessary for each fis-
13 cal year thereafter.

14 (b) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—The amounts author-
15 ized to be appropriated pursuant to subsection (a) shall
16 remain available until expended.

17 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—The amounts authorized to be
18 appropriated pursuant to subsection (a) shall be used to
19 carry out the responsibilities of the Agency set forth in
20 this Act.

21 (d) SPECIFIED PERCENTAGE FOR THE GRANT PRO-
22 GRAM.—Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated
23 under subsection (a), not less than 70 percent of such
24 amounts shall be available for the purposes of funding the
25 grant program described in section 10 of this Act.

1 (e) BUDGET.—Notwithstanding any other provision
2 of law, in any budget proposal submitted by the Adminis-
3 trator to the President for inclusion in the annual budget
4 of the United States Government submitted by the Presi-
5 dent to the Congress, the Administrator shall request that
6 funding of the Program Office be included as a separate
7 line item.

8 **SEC. 12. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.**

9 The Administrator, in consultation with the Director,
10 shall, by not later than 90 days after September 30, 1993,
11 and every 2 years thereafter, prepare and submit a written
12 report to Congress. Such report shall include—

13 (1) a discussion of environmental problems and
14 trends in pollutant concentrations with a direct or
15 indirect effect on Gulf of Mexico water quality, envi-
16 ronmental conditions, and economic vitality;

17 (2) an evaluation of the pollution prevention,
18 protection, and restoration activities implemented
19 under the Plan as of the date of the report;

20 (3) a description of the activities that the Ad-
21 ministrator recommends to be conducted during the
22 following 2 years, in order to implement the Plan;

23 (4) a list of amounts expended or planned to be
24 expended for the purposes of carrying out this Act,

1 according to categories established by the Adminis-
 2 trator;

3 (5) a description of the activities of other Fed-
 4 eral agencies, including programs that impact the
 5 environmental quality and economic value of the
 6 Gulf of Mexico; and

7 (6) a comparison of current Gulf conditions
 8 with those—

9 (A) that existed at the time of the report
 10 on assessments prepared pursuant to section 7
 11 of this Act; and

12 (B) that existed at the time of the imme-
 13 diately preceding biennial report.

14 **SEC. 13. RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING FEDERAL AND STATE**
 15 **LAWS AND INTERNATIONAL TREATIES.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this Act shall affect
 17 the jurisdiction, powers, or prerogatives of any depart-
 18 ment, agency, officer, or program of the Federal Govern-
 19 ment, or of any State government or tribe.

20 (b) INTERNATIONAL BODIES.—Nothing in this Act
 21 shall affect the jurisdiction, powers, or prerogatives of any
 22 international body created by treaty with authority relat-
 23 ing to the Gulf of Mexico.

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